

Table 39. Career path job status of recent doctoral recipients, by field of doctorate: 1997

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Career path job status	Field of doctorate								
	All fields	Computer and information sciences	Mathematical sciences	Biological and agricultural sciences	Health sciences	Physical and related sciences	Social sciences	Psychology	Engineering
Total recent doctoral recipients (number).....	119,300	4,100	4,500	28,200	5,700	20,500	14,700	16,800	24,700
					Percent				
Holding a job.....	77	87	77	72	81	74	82	85	77
Accepted but not begun job.....	2	S	S	4	S	S	S	S	S
Not holding, but seeking job.....	11	S	S	14	S	12	S	9	12
Not holding, not seeking job.....	9	S	S	11	S	11	10	S	10

KEY: S = Suppressed due to too few cases (fewer than 1,000 weighted cases).

NOTES: 'Recent doctorate recipients' are those who reported having received their doctorate between June of 1990 and 1996. Data is based on questions that asked about the career job status since doctoral degree completion. Details may not add to total because of rounding. Numbers are rounded to nearest hundred. Percents are rounded to the whole number. Survey of Doctorate Recipients includes persons who had earned research doctorate from U.S. institutions and resided in U.S. as of April 1997.

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